GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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STORAGE OF RAIN WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have made rainwater storage mandatory to check the ever depleting ground water, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to extend financial loans/ advances/assistance to meet the cost of installation of rainwater harvesting system in houses; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) Water being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to take action for making rainwater storage mandatory. As per information available in the Ministry of Water Resources, rainwater harvesting through storing of water run-off, including rain water has been made mandatory by the Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation in NCT of Delhi for all the new buildings on plots of 100 sq. mts. and above, by Government of Tamil Nadu in Chennai Metropolitan Area of Tamil Nadu for various categories of new buildings and, by Government of Haryana in Faridabad Muncipal Corporationarea for houses measuring 100 sq. mts. or more. Besides, Government of Uttar Pradesh has also initiated action in this direction. As of now, the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources is providing technical know-how about water harvesting techniques, free of cost to the public at large, as well as Government and Non-Governmentagencies. No other incentive is provided nor is under consideration for this purpose.